



The National Children's Study at South Dakota State University

Thousands Will Participate, Millions Will Benefit!

Most children born today are growing up healthy and living longer than ever before. But the occurrences of asthma, diabetes, autism, and other health problems in children are on the rise. We still have many questions about how children's environments—the air they breathe, the water they drink, and the communities they live in—affect their health and well-being into adulthood.

The National Children's Study is a long-term study of the effects of social, behavioral, biological, community, and environmental factors on human health and development. The goal is to recruit 100,000 children nationally. Mothers will be asked to be in the study as early as possible in pregnancy, or even before they are pregnant, and their newborn infant will be followed at various ages through adulthood (21 years). The information collected will help researchers explore the causes of not only asthma, diabetes, and autism but a variety of other health problems as well, including obesity, ADHD, and learning disabilities. South Dakota State University was chosen as one of the first seven study centers in the country to be a part of this Study. Our site, the BYPL Vanguard Center, covers the counties of Brookings in South Dakota, and Pipestone, Lincoln and Yellow Medicine in Minnesota. The BYPL site has a unique blend of towns and rural areas that will contribute to the Study.

The success of the National Children's Study depends on community involvement and family participation. You can encourage friends, neighbors, and families to participate. With the support of communities like ours, the National Children's Study can help to improve the growth and development of all children across the country, now and in the future. We will be in Pipestone County this spring and summer!

Be a part of the National Children's Study in the Great Plains! Contact us locally at **1-605-688-5449** or toll-free at **1-877-791-0054**. For more information visit the national website at: www.nationalchildrensstudy.gov.